श्री दारा सिंह चौहान : *

श्री उपसभापति : देखिए, इस पर ...(**व्यवधान**)... आप बैठिए।

श्री शाहिद सिद्दिकी :*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record ...*(Interruptions)*... रमेश जी, आज बोलिए। ...(**व्यवधान**)... शाहिद जी, आप बैठिए, रिकार्ड में कुछ नहीं जा रहा है। ...(**व्यवधान**)... बोलिए रमेंश जी।

Brutal Killing of Sales Officer of IOC in Lucknow

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH (Andhra Pradesh): I hope my friend, Mr. Shahid Siddiqui, will listen to me and not get further agitated by what I have to say.

Sir, I have been trying to raise this for the past one week. It relates to the brutal murder of a young IOC Sales Officer, who was an IIM graduate, in Lucknow, who took on the oil adulteration mafia. It is not my intention to use this occasion to run down the law and order situation in UP. It is a part of the series of murders of professionals, working in public sector 'organizations. Two years ago, we have the brutal murder of Satyendra 'Dube, who was exposing corruption in the functioning of the National Highway Authority of India in Bihar. Today, we are discussing the murder of a yougman, Mr. Manjunath; a murder which has shocked the people all across the country. Particularly, the professionals who joined.. .*(Interruptions)...*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is this?

SHRI N. JOTHI (TAMIL NADU) What about murders that are taking place in Delhi? *(Interruptions)* You want to discuss UP becuase it is not your party that is ruling there. *(Interruptions)* You will not discuss Delhi becuase it is youar party that is ruling here. *(Interruptions)...*

SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I am not saying anything about ..*(Interruptions)...* I am totally against that. But, then, we must discus's all those things that are happening all over the country. *(Interruptions)...*

श्री उपसभापति : क्या बात है। I don't understand ...*(Interruptions)...* In this way, we can't discuss anything. *(Interruptions)* A Member had given a notice and the Chair had accepted that. If it becomes an issue of discussion

...(Interruptions) If anything wrong happens somewhere, you can raise it. Who is preventing you from raising it? *(Interruptions)...*

SHRI N. JOTHI: ...because you are a ruling party here, and you are not a ruling party there. *(Interruptions)...*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jothi, you are questioning the decision of the Chair. *...(Intenuptions)...* This decision was taken by the Chairman. *(Interruptions)* What is this? Mr. Jothi, you must restrict yourself. You can't interfere in everything. *...(Interruptions)...* This is Zero Hour. And, Zero Hour is Zero Hour. We, with the permission of the Chair, have given an opportunity to a particular Member. You should respect the procedure. *...(Interruptions)...*

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH: Sir, may I say that I would have raised this issue had it been any State ruled by the Congress of its allies. It has nothing to do with the political *...(Interruptions)...*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay, Mr. Jairam, you have brought it to the notice of the Government. The Government will *...(Interruptions)...*

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH: Let me mention just one thing. It is not just a law and order issue, nor is it just an issue concerning security of professionals working in sensitive public sector organizations. There are issues relating to the entire oil sector. The manner in which the pricing of kerosene *vis-a-vis* diesel has led to the growth of an adulteration racket, cutting across the States in the country, I would request the hon. Home Minister not to look at this purely as a law and order issue, but also associate the Ministry of Petroleum; look at the economic dimensions, how this adulteration has come about. And, lastly, Sir, the larger question really is, which has shocked, which has galvanized the professional community. It is very difficult to attract educated, young people into the public sector, today. And, if public sector professionals are going to Be treated like Mr. Satyendra Dube and Mr. S. Manjunath, the future of the public sector is very bleak. I would like to request the Home Minister to look at this in its totality, and really convey to the Government the sense that, going beyond the fact that this is UP or Bihar or Tamil Nadu, this is an issue which affects the economic future of this country as well.

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE (West Bengal) : Sir, *...(Interruptions) ...* Please listen, *Sir,...(Interruptions).,.*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is not correct... *(Interruptions)* ...You can only associate...*(Interruptions)...*

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA (Jharkhand) : Sir, this is a serious issue.. *(Interruptions)...*

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE : Please listen, Sir...*(Interruptions)...* On this issue of oil adulteration, the Petition Committee of the Rajya Sabha had *...(Interruptions)...* This is a very serious issue*...(Interruptions)...*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, it is a serious issue, the Home Minister will react to it...*(Interruptions)...*

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Sir, due to adulteration in petroleum products, insurance sector is affected...*(Interruptions)...*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Government is reacting...*(Interruptions)...*

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : It is not a matter of any State. It is *...(Interruptions)...*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : That's right. Let us hear the Home Minister.. *.(Interruptions)...*

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: It is a matter of overall policy. *.(Interruptions)...*

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry) : Sir, my name is also there...(*Interruptions)...*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Your name is there, but,...*(Interruptions)...*

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, I did not speak then...*(Interruptions)...* Those people who have not given notice are speaking, but the people who gave notice are not being allowed to speak...*(Interruptions)...*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Okay, Mr. Narayanasamy, you speak.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : I found that the sense of the House is this, and the dimension with which you have to see it is that it is not only a law and order issue alone, but, protection also has to be given to the officers by the public sector undertakings. That angle also we have to see. Law and order is one angle and another angle is this. Now, the officers are saying that they will not do their job unless and until they get sufficient protection. Therefore, Sir, the Department of Petroleum and Natural Gas has also got a responsibility. This is the angle that I would like to put here.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): Sir, what has been brought to our notice will be taken into account to decide as to how to deal with this kind of issue. It is rightly said that this matter should be brought to the notice of the Ministry of Petroleum

and Natural Gas. We will, certainly, convey to the Minister and the Ministry that this is the view expressed on the floor of the House. Now, as we know, Sir, law and order sitaution is within the jurisdiction of the State Government. When we sympathise and when we are in a position to take some action against the culprits as per the Constitution, it becomes very difficult for the Government of India to act. If we do not act, then, people, especially, those people who suffer have every reason to feel unhappy. And, if we act now, it will go against the Constitutional provision also. So, we are caught in this kind of a situation. And, yet, what we have been doing is, whenever things of this nature happen, we get the information, analyse them, and, then, we give necessary directions to the State Governments to act. Now, we have been doing this is in the past, we will do it now also, and with your help and with your approval, let us evolve a system in which it would be possible and with your approval, let us evolve a system in which it would be possible for us to take some action in this matter, but that cannot be done without the consent and agreement of the State Government also.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Shri Vayalar Ravi.

Missing Of Indian Cargo Ship

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Kerala): May I draw the attention of the august House to a very important matter of missing and disappearing of a cargo ship named Jupitor-6 on an Indian flagship. There are 15 crew members out of which ten are Indians. One is from Kerala, belonging to the district of Mr. A.K. Antony and me, that is, Alleppy. Since the last three months there has been no information to the family about what has happend to the ship. In between, some wrong news is spreading that it has been hijacked. I don't believe that. But, whatever it may be, my demand is that the agony and the anxiety of the families must be taken into account. Ten families of this country are eagerely waiting for some news about this. So, I want the Government of India to come forward with a statement and see that these families are consoled in whatever way possible and the truth must come out.

SHRI A.K. ANTONY (Kerala): Sir, it is a serious issue. So, I associate myself with it.

SHRI M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI (Kerala) Sir, I also associate myself with it.